



Global Diplomacy Lab

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The Global Diplomacy Lab (GDL) is a growing network of highly creative and influential professionals from different fields, seeking innovative and more inclusive solutions to global challenges. As a multiplicity of perspectives from different regions *and* professional fields is key to understanding major issues facing our societies, the GDL welcomes members from all sectors worldwide. Through interactive work sessions and the members' ownership of the process, the GDL empowers and enables its participants to pursue their own ideas and thus opens up new paths for future cooperation.

The GDL is supported by the **Federal Foreign Office**, the **BMW Foundation Herbert Quandt**, the **Robert Bosch Stiftung**, the **Stiftung Mercator** and the **Global Leadership Academy** of the giz, with the aim of generating an impact on global affairs by producing synergies between their networks. Under the patronage of Federal Foreign Minister Heiko Maas, the GDL is seeking to engage new members in order to enhance the ongoing impact-oriented exchange.

Next year will be especially exciting as the GDL will be celebrating its 5th anniversary! We would like to dedicate next year's curriculum to reflecting on the GDL's trajectory and its role in diplomacy as a platform for innovative thinking and practice. Along with this strategic component, the 2019 curriculum also invites to examine geopolitical trends. The centre of gravity of diplomatic relations has moved: there has been a global shift in power relations and a rapid rise in political extremes that is redefining societies.

From the Labs we have hosted so far, we have learned that transforming potential into practice requires both an incubating and a sustainable impact-driven framework. Therefore, the 2019 Labs will take the form of a **GDL Incubator (10th Lab) taking place from 16 – 19 June 2019 in Accra**, and a **GDL Impact (11th Lab) taking place from 27 – 30 October 2019 in Berlin**. As the GDL is a member-driven organisation these hosting cities have been selected by the GDL Advisory Council based on members' proposals. The precise title has yet to be decided on.

Learn more about the *GDL Incubator* and the *GDL Impact*:

The *GDL Incubator* focuses on team-building, the learning of new (diplomatic) skills and innovative methods as well as the identification of relevant questions and potential projects for members to work on and implement.

The *GDL Impact* invites GDL members to obtain sustainable policy inputs. Participants will consult with political and diplomatic decision makers, present GDL proposals and recommendations to the public and work on common projects.

Next year, up to 35 new members are selected to attend the two Labs. In addition, a maximum 15 established GDL members will be invited to participate in each Lab, acting as mentors to the new GDL members. The GDL's Secretariat is thus now opening the call for applications to participate in both, the Incubator and the Impact Labs and thus become a new GDL Member.

All participants are expected to bring their own reflections and project ideas to the debate and to shape the Lab's formats with innovative and experimental approaches. The two Labs (GDL Incubator and Impact) will be connected and build on each other and the GDL curriculum foresees active participation of new members in both the Labs.

Eligibility

- You are an alumna/alumnus of one of the responsible leaders/ executive education programmes run by the above-mentioned institutions that support the GDL,
- You have excellent English-language skills

Conditions of Participation

- Interest in dedicating time and energy to an impact-oriented and self-organized platform in cooperation with the GDL Advisory Council;
- Willingness to contribute to the programme and/or make suggestions for Labs' programmes, both in terms of content and methodologies;
- Ability to bear your own accommodation costs and travel expenditures (financial support can be granted in very exceptional cases).

Application Deadline

Kindly fill in the application form available at: <https://indivsurvey.de/GDL2019MD/1038169/W5Wpfl> not later than **29 October 2018**.

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